

The huge oak dance floor was carefully planned with more than 400 coil springs under the floor. Each piece of flooring was carefully laid, and while the floor was being constructed the work proceeded night and day. Again the women were on hand to keep everyone working and happy with refreshments. Fitting the corners of the floor proved a difficult problem, but George Barzee, a surveyor, was called in and he computed a mathematical formula which the workmen followed and finished the work. The floor is still considered one of the best dance floors in the state.

As the project neared completion the stake leaders set a date for the first dance and party in the building, and everyone worked feverishly to meet the deadline.

Later, an annex room was built adjoining the main building to accommodate smaller parties and banquets. Some 250 to 300 people can be seated in this room. Members of the Heber ward Relief Societies in turn supervise the kitchen which is well equipped for parties and banquets.

Through the years the hall has been a center of social and cultural events for the community as well as the Church. Its usefulness has proved the foresight of the early leaders of the Heber Wards in proposing that the facility be constructed.

HEBER FIRST WARD

Robert Duke, former bishop of the Heber East Ward, was sustained as the first bishop of the new Heber First Ward. Before the reorganization of the ward, Bishop Duke had officiated at the laying of



The old Heber First Ward Chapel dedicated December 26, 1915.

BISHOPS OF THE HEBER FIRST WARD



Robert Duke



George Frank Ryan



George B. Stanley



Joseph A. Olpin



Heber M. Rasband

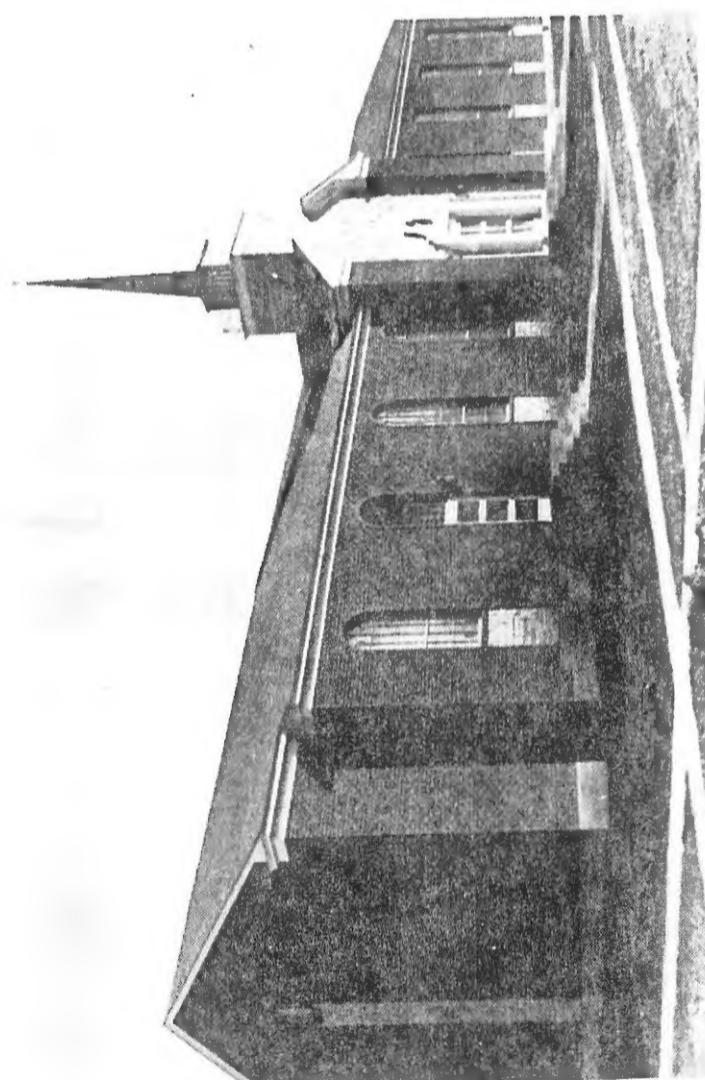


Harold H. Smith



Ervin J. Anderson

a corner stone for a new ward chapel. This had been on Nov. 1, 1901. Now, under the organization of a new ward the building project was resumed again. The chapel was to be built on the site of the old East School, the land being donated to the Church by Joseph Hatch. Rock taken from the old school building was used in the foundation of the Church. During this building period the ward used the north school as a meeting place.



The new Heber First-Sixth Ward Chapel dedicated March 11, 1953.

The building project proceeded forward, and on December 26, 1915 the building was paid for and ready to be dedicated. Apostle George F. Richards was present to offer the dedicatory prayer. William Lindsay recorded in his diary that 294 persons were present at the "very impressive and interesting services."

A little over a year after the chapel dedication Bishop Duke was released and George Frank Ryan was sustained as the new bishop. Counselors who had served during the years with Bishop Duke included Edward D. Clyde, Joseph Musser, George Smith, Robert Price, E. J. Duke, John Wootton, and James L. Lindsay. Lawrence B. Duke was ward clerk.

When Bishop Ryan was sustained on January 28, 1917, he chose John H. Miller and Adolphia R. Duke as counselors. Lawrence B. Duke continued as ward clerk until 1921 when he became a counselor in the bishopric and George B. Stanley was named ward clerk.

In April of 1923 George Stanley was chosen as Bishop with Lawrence B. Duke and Thomas Crook as counselors and Adolphia R. Duke as ward clerk. This bishopric served together for seven years until August of 1930 when they were released and Joseph Olpin became bishop. His counselors were Thomas Perry and Arnold Johnson with Clarence Olson as ward clerk. During Bishop Olpin's tenure, 10 missionaries were called from the ward to labor in the missions of the Church.

On March 7, 1943, Heber M. Rasband was sustained as the bishop. His counselors were Arnold Johnson and Allen Curry with Walter Harrison as clerk. It was during Bishop Rasband's term that the decision was reached to remodel and expand the ward chapel. Pratt Duke, a former ward member who had moved to Salt Lake City, was called to supervise the expansion work, which began on April 15, 1952. Under the direction of the bishopric and Mr. Duke the project was finished early in 1953, and a beautiful, modern chapel was dedicated to the Lord on March 11, 1953 by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve.

In January of 1955 Harold H. Smith was called as the new bishop with Ervin Anderson and Maron Hiatt as counselors and Elmo Jacobson, ward clerk. They served together until January 17, 1957 when the ward was divided creating the Heber Sixth Ward.

Following the division the new boundaries of Heber First Ward were as follows: Starting from the north city limits on Third East and running south to Second South, then east to Mill Lane, then south to Call Lane, then east through the fields to the Ed Wade Lane, north to the Lake Creek Highway, along the highway back to Six East, along Sixth East to the north city limits and west again to the place of beginning.

The following Sunday, January 24, 1957, Ervin J. Anderson was sustained as bishop of the Heber First Ward with George Holmes first counselor, Grant Averett second counselor and Rex A. Whiting, ward

clerk. When Grant Averett was released, Malin Lewis was sustained in the bishopric.

Some of the leaders who have served in the ward since the 1903 division include the following:

PRIMARY: Mary Elizabeth McDonald, first president with Janet Duke and Kate Turner, counselors and Anne Coleman, secretary. Other presidents have included Josie Todd, Jennie B. Duke, Chrissie Jones, Lilly Giles, Zella Blackley, Dulce Young, Atha Montgomery, Mabel Crook, Anna Turner, Hope Watson, Nellie Johnson, Ethel Broadbent, Fay Hilton, Marvel Murdock, Retta Simpson, Verna McKnight, Betty Duke, Toma Waldbeiser, Lela Bond, Faye Bonner and Louise Buell.

RELIEF SOCIETY: Presidents since 1903 have included Margaret Murdock, Annie J. Duke, Linda Duke, Arbelia Harvey, Elizabeth McDonald, Alice Lambert, Jennie Broadbent, Lacy Duke, Retta Allen, Mrs. Frank Price, Leda Titus, Fay Hilton and Ethel Broadbent.

YMMIA: Superintendents have been Louis Jorgensen, Squire Simpson, Wilson Young, Scott Murdock, Clyde Broadbent, Ferrel Anderson, Courtney Childs, Johnnie Brandt, Harris Parcell, Harold Stevens, Grant Averett, Burton Duke and Kent Larsen.

YWMIA: Organized on May 24, 1903 with Martha Duke as president with Isabell Baum and Maggie Murdock as counselors and Edna Averett secretary. Other presidents have been Dora Murdock, Crissie Duke, Lucretia Smith, Alice Wood, Alice Murdock, Lizzie Lindsay, Ardell Clyde, Lacy Duke, Virginia Christensen, LaVon Burch, Enid Duke, Lola Curry, Mable Smith, Ellen Duke, Marvel Murdock, Sylvia Johnson, Mima Rasband, Afton Rosenbaum, Maryan Ryan and Fern Young.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Superintendents have included Orson Ryan, Alfred Duke, Allen Curry, John H. Miller, Frank Epperson, Howard Duke, Lester Greenwood, H. Ray Hatch, Lyman Duke, Sylvan Smith, D. L. Hilton, Thomas Perry, John Turner, Dean Balls, Reed Giles, Kenneth Johnson, Rex Whiting, Stephen Mahoney, William Jordan, Orson Allen, Lynn Murdock, Malin Lewis and Bob Provost.

CHOIR LEADERS: Roger Horrocks, John H. Murdock, Emil Peterson, Frank Epperson, Storm McDonald, a Mr. McAllister, ElRoy Van Wagoner, Jennie Brown Duke, Ramon Duke and Maxine Carlile. Organists have been Jane Hatch Turner, Mina Duke Stevens, Dora Jones Bennion, Vera Rasband who served for 40 years, LaVada Harrison and Florence Anderson.

HEBER SECOND WARD

When the new boundaries of the Heber Second Ward were established in the 1903 division, a special exception was made to include the premises of Joseph A. Rasband who lived on the east side of Main Street, for Brother Rasband had been selected by the Stake Presidency to be